

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th district of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize Antioch Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate and dedicate the completion of their new church building and campus, the "Dwelling Place."

Founded in 1957, Antioch opened the doors of its first church building in 1961. Because of the growing congregation, construction of a larger building was necessary and began in 1973 and was completed in 1985. Antioch's membership continued to increase requiring the construction of a 2,000-seat sanctuary and administrative building which was completed in 1998.

In 1991, Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, became Senior Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Under his leadership, "20/20 Vision" a capital stewardship campaign was launched. "20/20 Vision," a five-year plan was initiated in an effort to accommodate the growing membership by constructing a larger worship center, the "Dwelling Place." The "Dwelling Place" includes a 3,000-seat worship center and adds 56,000 square feet to the campus.

The completion of construction of this new building is a great feat to commemorate, as the congregation has been able to persevere through such difficult times during the Corona virus pandemic. After a year and a half of virtual services, Antioch's in-person services will resume in the new sanctuary. The "Dwelling Place" will make Antioch one of the largest churches in South Florida.

Under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, the church has been able to fulfill their "20/20 Vision" of building a campus that will glorify God throughout the entire process, expand and enhance the ministry and programs designed to advance God's Kingdom, and build in a manner which good stewardship will be exemplified.

Reverend Arthur Jackson, III has served as Senior Pastor/Teacher of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, since March 8, 1991. A native of South Florida, Pastor Jackson is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Jackson, Jr. Pastor Jackson was licensed as a Minister on October 9, 1988, at the New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida where he served as an Associate Minister under the leadership of his father, Rev. Arthur Jackson, Jr.

A man of great character, integrity, wisdom, and counsel, Pastor Jackson's consistent obedience to God has taken the Antioch congregation from the "Faithful Fifty" to a blossoming ministry of over 7,000 that continues to grow at record pace.

The Antioch Missionary Baptist Church is a Word-centered ministry existing to evangelize the lost, to equip and empower God's people,

and to lead them to eternal salvation in Christ Jesus.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church has two locations in South Florida with campuses in Miami Gardens and Fort Lauderdale.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church for its contributions and commitment to the citizens of our community, state and country.

HONORING THE BELLEVILLE FOOTBALL TEAM 2021 MHSAA DI- VISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Belleville Football Team, the victors of the 2021 MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championship. This team's tremendous accomplishment is worthy of commendation.

On November 27, 2021, the Belleville Tigers and Rochester Adams Highlanders met at Ford Field in Detroit for the Division 1 championship game. After being up 21-20 at the half, the Belleville Tigers quickly established a divisive lead in the third quarter. In a stunning victory, the Belleville Tigers won the state championship and defeated Rochester Adams with a score of 55-33.

In a season that was as challenging as it was rewarding, the Tigers' tireless dedication to football and commitment to teamwork paid off when they became state champions for the first time in school history. These players proved that with hard work and confidence in one's teammates, there is no obstacle that is too big to overcome. The Belleville Tigers have made our community proud, and we are all excited to celebrate this achievement alongside them.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Belleville Football Team as they celebrate winning the 2021 state championship. Please join me in congratulating the Tigers on a fantastic victory and wishing them the best of luck in the years ahead. Go Tigers.

HONORING THE SPRING GROVE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Spring Grove Area High School girls' volleyball team for winning the PIAA Class 3A volleyball championship last month, with a 3-1 victory over Hampton.

Spring Grove's path to the championship was not always certain, as they faced difficult

competition in the state semifinals and quarterfinals. Thanks to their passion and hard work, the team rose to the challenges and emerged victorious, becoming state champions, and finishing out the season with a nearly undefeated record. Their win marks the first time that Spring Grove Area School District has ever won a state championship in volleyball and just the second time that the district has won a state championship. This is an incredible achievement and one of which the players, their parents, and head coach, Liz Zeigler, should be enormously proud.

Congratulations to the team for this accomplishment and I wish the graduating seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEG- ACY OF MOTHER PEARLIE MAE STRANGE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Mother Pearlle Mae Strange, a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, devout Christian, and prayer warrior.

Mother Strange was born on April 1, 1934 in Miami, Florida to the James and Arizona Joseph. Her upbringing was grounded by loving, hardworking parents, and a strong foundation in the home which was built upon Matthew 19:19, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and the old saying, "A family that prays together stays together." As the second of eleven siblings she assumed a nurturing and motherly role at an early age, and she used that same unselfish love from her parents and the strong foundation upon which her values were built to guide her in carrying out those roles.

By Divine Providence, Mother Strange met and later married the love of her life, Reverend Dr. Willie Lee Strange, Sr. and on May 2, 1955 the two were joined in holy matrimony. They were blessed with ten children, who blessed them with 27 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 3 great-great children and an additional great-great grandchild on the way.

As a loving and encouraging wife, Mother Strange supported her husband throughout his pastoral walk and served as First Lady of Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, New Mt. Moriah Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church, and Greater Holy Cross Missionary Baptist church. She served in other areas of the Ministry including the Pastor Aid Board, the Women's Ministry, the Youth Ministry, and Sunday School Teacher.

Mother Strange later joined New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church under the leadership of Elder Dr. Kenneth A. Duke, Sr., where she served as Church Mother. In 2007, upon the pastoral installation of her son, Rev. Dr. Billy

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